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**APPLICATION OF:** Kent E. Regnier

**SERIAL NO.:** 09/482,135

**FILED:** January 12, 2000

**FOR:** CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE  
BARRIER COMPONENTS

**EXAMINER:** C. Prasad

**ART UNIT:** 2839

**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:** 99-247 US

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT "C"**

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

Applicant submits herewith three copies of Figures 2-4 marked in red ink thereon reflecting that the housing 22 is an insulating material.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001, the Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 3 and rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,082,398 ("Bourdon et al."). By this present amendment, Figures 2-4 have been revised. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

The Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 3 of the drawing because the hatch lines for the

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